



SUMMER 2017

Town of Historic Sykesville NEWSLETTER

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The Town House
Hours of Operation:
Monday - Friday
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Mayor and Town Council
Second & fourth Mondays
of the month

Planning Commission
First Monday of the month

Historic Commission
Fourth Tuesday of the month

Board of Zoning appeals
Monthly as necessary

Parks &
Recreation Committee
Fourth Thursday of the month



IAN SHAW, MAYOR

My family and I moved to Sykesville in 1996. We were attracted to the small town and country atmosphere. We came to Carroll County, as I suspect many residents have, for the quality of life that was affordable. I continue to run a small business in Howard County, as well as work as an Associate Broker with Long and Foster Real Estate in Columbia. I have been involved now for nearly 12 years in serving our community in various roles. I am excited to have been re-elected as your Mayor and look forward to working with all of you to continue to grow and preserve our Town. In the few moments I can find time, I enjoy fishing at the Reservoir and taking in some country roads on my motorcycle. I hope to meet you all soon. Anyone can contact me at ishaw@sykesville.net with questions, concerns, or anything else.



AL GRASLEY, COUNCIL MEMBER

My wife, Linda, and I moved to Sykesville in 2003. We have two children Katherine -15 and Matthew -10. I served on the council from 2011-2015 and am excited to serve another 4 years. By trade, I am a printed circuit board designer for Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Lab. I am also involved in Boy Scouts and the Knights of Columbus. I am looking forward to working together to continue the great success of our Town. If you should have any concerns or questions, I want to hear from you. Please feel free to contact me at agrasley@sykesville.net. See you around Town.



LEO KEENAN, COUNCIL MEMBER

My wife and I moved to Sykesville in 1999 with our three sons. I am a graduate of the University of Maryland College Park, and University of Baltimore School of Law. 11 years ago I opened my own law practice and real estate brokerage on Liberty Road in Eldersburg. I have enjoyed serving on the Town Council the past 10 years and am looking forward to continuing to serve the Town for another four years. As the Main Street liaison, I have been thrilled to be a part of the growth and revitalization of Main Street and look forward to continuing to work together with the business and property owners. Thank you to everyone who came out to vote on May 2. Feel free to email me with questions/concerns at LKeenan@sykesville.net.



STACY LINK, COUNCIL MEMBER

My wife, Dana, and I moved to Sykesville in 2005 and since then have thoughtfully restored our "Blue Haired Old Lady" on Spout Hill while becoming active volunteers in the Main Street Association. I graduated from Elizabethtown College with a BS in Occupational Therapy in 1997. In 2002, I became certified as an Assistive Technology Professional and currently work for National Seating and Mobility where I specialize in custom power wheelchairs. Two years ago, I became a home inspector and opened Strongest Link Home Inspections, LLC. I was at once excited and humbled with the election results on May 2. Thank you to all who took the time to exercise your voting rights. I look forward to the continued opportunity to represent the residents of this wonderful town and share in the pride of its progress. Some of my focus over the next four years will be sustainability and wise investments in our future. I can be reached at slink@sykesville.net with any questions or concerns.

See upcoming EVENTS inside & on the back cover.

Information

JULY 4 TRASH PICKUP CHANGE

The July 4 trash pickup (trash put out Monday night) has been moved to Friday, July 7 for pickup (place trash by your curb the night of Thursday, July 6).

PROTECT OUR PARKS AND RIVERS

Dumping of yard waste in the streets, flood plains, parks, trails and Town property is prohibited. The parks and trails are used by all residents for recreation. Not only is this an eyesore, but it can be a hazard to safety and cause dangerous issues with water drainage during storms. Dumping yard waste can result in a Class C or Class D municipal infraction, depending on where the waste is dumped, which can carry fines up to \$500 per infraction, see §129-16 and §129-17 of the Town Code for more information.

Once you place leaves and grass trimmings in the street, they will end up in the storm drains and can release potentially harmful nutrients into the water. They can also clog the drains causing flooding. The drains are for water, rain, or snow only.

Yard waste will be picked up on your regular trash day after the trash has been collected. Please place yard waste in paper lawn bags; plastic bags of yard waste will not be picked up. Sticks and branches should be in bundles no more than 4 feet long.

ROAD PAVING SCHEDULE

The Town will be paving and patching the following streets*:

- Church Street
- Brown Street
- Carl Avenue
- Norris Avenue from Brandenburg Circle to Braemar Court
- Obrecht Road from Spouthill Road to Wimmer Lane
- Oklahoma Avenue from Schoolhouse Road to Boulder Court

* Subject to change if need arises

BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR! CLEAN UP AFTER YOUR PETS

Every animal owner is responsible for the removal of their pet's waste on public property (including sidewalks, parks, and recreation areas) and/or private property. This problem is becoming more and more evident in our parks and creates a health concern for our children. When walking your pet(s), always take a plastic bag with you to clean up waste.

TOWN PROJECTS UPDATE

THE WARFIELD COMMERCE AND CULTURAL CENTER

The Warfield property is still under contract for sale. While it may look like not much is happening on the outside, the proposed development is undergoing the Development Review Process. The Town's Historic District Commission and Planning Commission have worked hard to keep this project moving through the review. The proposed Phase 1 of development includes a 145 town-home development. Future phases are proposed to include 35,000 square feet of retail space, 286,000 square feet of office space, and a 125 room hotel, as well as the rehabilitation of the existing historical buildings. If you are interested in being part of the process, contact the Town at town@sykesville.net or 410-795-8959.

COMMISSION OPENINGS - WE NEED YOU!

Join one of the Town Commissions to help make a difference! The Planning Commission meets every first Monday of the month and helps guide plans for future developments, recommends zoning, approves site plans, and so much more! The Historic District Commission (HDC) meets every fourth Tuesday of the month to approve exterior alterations, new construction, and other things in the Town's Historic District! HDC members should possess interest or experience in related disciplines. Both Commissions are involved with the development of the Warfield Commerce and Cultural Center! Contact the Town House at 410-795-8959 or town@sykesville.net for more information.

714 SANDOSKY ROAD

In the fall of 2016, the Town purchased the property located at 714 Sandosky Road (the former A.G. Parrott lot) to provide more downtown parking. In addition, the Town has issued a Request for Proposals to private developers to allow them to be a partner in developing the building while maintaining or increasing public parking. Proposals were due May 31, and review by the Mayor and Town Council will follow.

MORE LINEAR TRAIL IMPROVEMENTS COMING THIS SUMMER!

The Town will be continuing to make improvements to the Linear Trail. The north part of the Linear Trail, connecting to the end of the last improvements, will be upgraded this summer. Construction will occur between July and mid-August and will take approximately two weeks, weather permitting. During the construction, this section of the trail will be closed to the public. If you have any questions, please contact the Town at town@sykesville.net or (410)795-8959.

Sykesville Police Department



The Sykesville Police Department continues to focus its efforts on reducing speeding in our town. Many of you by now have seen our new Radar Display Speed Trailer (see photo), which the Mayor and Town Council authorized us to purchase this past winter. It has been deployed now over a dozen times at various locations throughout town, and it has provided us with valuable data. Some of the data it provides includes traffic count, average speed, number of vehicles below speed limit, number of vehicle above speed limit, the 85th Percentile Speed (the speed that 85 percent of vehicles do not exceed), as well as the days of the week and times that the higher speeds are occurring. This data enables us to deploy our officers to those locations, days and times that the speeding is occurring, thereby allowing for more efficiency in our operations. At the same time, the Radar Display Speed Trailer acts as a deterrent to speeding by reminding drivers of the speed limit and the speed of their particular vehicle. Residents are urged to contact us at 410-795-0757 if you believe that you have a speeding issue on your road, and we will do our best to deploy the Speed Trailer in a timely manner. As always, the SPD wishes to remind everyone to slow down, buckle up, and avoid being distracted by using hands-free devices or turning off your devices altogether. Please join us in our commitment to keeping our residents and pets safe by adopting these safe driving habits. Have a happy and safe summer!

Old Main Line Visitor Center and Post Office

We are ready for the warm weather here at Old Main Line Visitors Center and Post Office! Hard to believe but people are still finding Sykesville's hidden gem of the Post Office in the Town of Sykesville.

We have lots of new stamps in stock for Summer including Botanical Flowers and Wonder Woman and, of course, Love Stamps.

Also, for now the Forever Stamps remain at 49 cents. If you know you need stamps in advance, feel free to call us and we can special order for your needs.

As a reminder, we have our "Room with a View" for rent above the Post Office. It is a great place to have a meeting, small party or gathering. Come check it out.

We are located at 731 Oklahoma Avenue.

If you have questions, you can also reach us at 410-552-9975.



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At The Candy Striper gift shops, shopping is always more fun. From chic fashion and beauty products to licensed sports gear and unique home décor, there's something for everyone. And all proceeds benefit Carroll Hospital— so every time you shop you know you're making our community even stronger.

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Expires 6/30/17.

CARROLL HOSPITAL
a LifeBridge Health center
Auxiliary

Integrace Fairhaven (inside the Beasman Center)
7200 Third Avenue | Sykesville | 410-795-8800
Mon. – Fri., 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. | Some evenings & weekends



Sykesville Main Street

<http://www.facebook.com/sykesville>

www.SykesvilleMainStreet.com



As we are planning a summer of fun and engaging activities, we wanted to take a moment to re-introduce ourselves to you and invite you to be part of our non-profit. We are almost entirely operated by volunteers! The only paid position is our Coordinator. We are working closely with our awesome business owner community and are composed of five committees

described below. We could certainly use your support or creativity if you wanted to get on board with one of these committees. And if you want to just tag along for our activities, we will be happy to have you too!

Design Committee:

The Design Committee takes charge of enhancing the physical appearance of the commercial district by rehabilitating historic buildings, encouraging supportive new construction, developing sensitive design management systems, and long-term planning.

Design Chair: Dana Alonzi

Design Meetings: Second Tuesday of the month at the Town House, 7 pm

Future plans:

- Establish an electronic historical window in the State Farm display window.
- Create and install a fantastic train bike rack in downtown Sykesville.

Promotions Committee:

The Promotion Committee works on marketing the traditional commercial district's assets to customers, potential investors, new businesses, local citizens and visitors through the planning of engaging and trending events and programs.

Promotion Chair: Rachael Beck

Promotion Meetings: First Tuesday of each month at the Town House, 7 pm

Please see the back cover for the Events Calendar!

Clean, Green & Safe Committee:

The Green, Clean & Safe Committee seeks to make Sykesville a cleaner, greener and healthier place to live, work, and play, while promoting individual responsibility for the community environment.

Green, Clean & Safe Chair: Whitney Thompson

Green, Clean & Safe Meetings: Second Thursday of the month at the Town House, 7 pm

Future Projects:

- Develop the community garden on Main Street.
- Restore the neglected Town sign on Main Street.

Economic Development Committee:

The Economic Development Committee works to strengthen the district's existing economic base while finding ways to expand it to meet new opportunities and challenges from outlying development.

Economic Development Chair: Jen Truby

Economic Development Meetings: First Thursday of the month at the Town House, 7 pm

Future Projects:

- Develop a business owner welcome package to navigate the Town of Sykesville and County requirements and processes while opening a business on Main Street.
- Plan the second edition of the Carroll Business Academy: a series of workshops designed to give business owners and entrepreneurs - current or aspiring - professional development sessions featuring important information on today's hot topics in the business world.
- Plan the Grand Openings of our new Businesses of Main Street!

Organization Committee:

The Organization Committee is charged with building consensus and cooperation among the many groups and individuals who have a role in the revitalization process.

Organization Chair: Mary Ellen Will

Organization Meetings: First Tuesday of each month at the Town House, 7 pm

Whether you like gardening or brainstorming on how to launch our Coolest little Town on the path to its next success, there is plenty to do and great groups to do it with. We are very proud to share the best we can do with you and hope to see you on Main Street this Summer!

Gate House Museum

The Gate House is back in business and will be open on Friday and Sunday afternoons from 1 to 5. The theme of the new exhibit is "100 years ago in Sykesville, the World War I era." It looks at life and work in 1917 and 1918, the war and those from Sykesville who fought in it, and the rise and fall of Wade Warfield. Come and see 24 new wall mounted displays, a newly designed timeline of the Town's history, and several neatly arranged display cabinets of items from the era.

7283 Cooper Drive
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[http://www.townofsykesville.org/2157/
Gate-House-Museum-of-History](http://www.townofsykesville.org/2157/Gate-House-Museum-of-History)

Meanwhile, the Smithsonian is presenting "The Way We Worked," a traveling exhibit at the Carroll County Farm Museum that features stories, artifacts, and interactives related to how Americans have worked over time, and the Gate House is an affiliated site and will be cooperating with the Farm Museum to promote and benefit from the exhibit. The exhibit will be open through July 14. Please check the Farm Museum's website at <http://carrollcountymuseum.org/events/> for their hours.

The Historic Sykesville Colored Schoolhouse



A huge THANK YOU to the Sykesville Community from the Historic Sykesville Colored Schoolhouse. THANKS to all of you, the Schoolhouse is alive with action all week long! Our Open Houses are well-attended, drop-ins phone to come by, classes and groups are visiting, the gardens are nurtured, and the Homework Club is meeting twice each week.

Special kudos go out to St. Paul's United Methodist Church and the Sykesville-South Carroll Rotary International for offering monetary support to buy the supplies and healthy snacks needed for the Homework Club. St. Paul's gets an extra THANKS for the faithful work of a cadre of terrific tutors! Girl Scout Troop #2946, under the leadership of Amy Landry, has supplied over a hundred books for our club members, as well as planning a soon-to-be-installed "Little Free Library" on the Schoolhouse lawn. A *Likely Story Bookstore* has donated books for the children's personal libraries. And it seems that everywhere she goes, coordinator Pat Greenwald has money put into her hand "for those homework kids!" St. Paul's touched up paint, organized the closets, and cleaned up the garden last Fall, and Alaine Bower gave up a Saturday to prep the garden this Spring.

Richard Bagby of Howe's Insurance had the great idea of installing a veggie garden behind the Schoolhouse, to be planted and maintained by the kids. Not only did Richard have the idea, but he and Ray Greenwald installed the raised beds, which Mr. Bagby financed.

And then THANKS go to the kids, particularly Eddie Watson and Va'Shawn Cooper, who have been faithfully watering the beds as they watch their veggies germinate and grow! THANKS to Pastor Young of St. Luke's UMC for welcoming a Schoolhouse-bound group for a service and to Chuck Harrison for speaking to the kids about his varied career. And, lastly, THANKS to our energetic nonagenarian graduates, Warren Dorsey and Rosie Dorsey Hutchinson, and their nephew, Martin Whiten, for their unfailing willingness to share their story with our visitors.

If you have not yet visited the Schoolhouse, you have three opportunities this Summer! We will have Open Houses, included in Carroll County's Celebrating America Summer Adventure Passport Program on July 8, July 30, and August 11, all from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. Come by for a piece of local history, some lemonade, and crafts for the kids! To arrange a special group or visit, please contact Pat Greenwald, patgreenwald@comcast.net.

THANK YOU!

**Celebrating America Summer
Adventure Passport Program!**

For youth in grades 1-9

Visit

www.celebratingamerica.info

for a list of information.

Some locations are in Sykesville!

Sykesville **SUMMER** Events

Main Street

First Fridays | Every First Friday (6pm-10pm)

Join us for an Independence Day Block Party on July 7 with a Concert in the Parks performance by Soulflower, and a Dancing in the Streets Block Party on August 4

Sykesville Farmers' Market | Every Sunday, through October 29 (9am-1pm)

New Location! The Farmers' Market is now located in the parking lot on Sandosky Road just down the hill from the Little Sykes Railroad. Fresh Produce – Local Proteins – Baked Goods & More – Live Music – Family Fun

Cooler Mile on Main Street | August 12 (5pm)

Family Fun Run! Get timed or just run for a good time! Visit Sykesville Main Street on Facebook for more information.

Sykesville Parks and Recreation

Non-perishable food will be collected for Carroll Food Sunday.

Sykesville Cinema*

A seasonal favorite, bring the family and a blanket for a free movie on the second Saturday of each month all summer long!

Saturday, June 10

Ferris Bueller's Day Off

Saturday, July 8

Hunger Games

Saturday, August 12

Secret Life of Pets

Concerts in the Park*

Join us at the pavilion in Millard Cooper Park for our Summer Concert Series.

Friday, July 14

JoeyDCares Rock Orchestra

Friday, July 21

Elias and Enslow

Friday, July 28

TBA

Rain Date for *Finding Dory*: September 9

Find us on Facebook at Sykesville Parks & Recreation for information about events and weather cancellations

Gate House Museum of History

Join Museum Curator Jack White at the Town House, 7547 Main Street, for presentations on aspects of life in Sykesville 100 years ago!

June 21 (7pm-8:30pm)

Historic Colored Schoolhouse

The Historic Colored Schoolhouse is available for private tours by appointment. Please contact Pat Greenwald at schoolhouse@sykesville.net to schedule a tour. You can also visit the Schoolhouse during one of their events:

Lemonade Social Open House | July 8 (1pm-4pm)

Meet Some Graduates! Open House | July 30 (1pm-4pm)

Lemonade Social Open House | August 11 (1pm-4pm)

***Please leave your pets at home**

For more information check out:

www.townofsykesville.org • www.sykesvillemainstreet.com

Note: Events are subject to change. Please visit the websites listed above for the most up-to-date information.



Little Sykes Railroad

Free rides for kids on a 1949 12-gauge B&O model train

Every Sunday | 9am-1pm

S&P Railway

Model train displays & 20th century train cars

Open & free to the public:
1st & 3rd Sundays | 10am-2pm

Visit facebook.com/sprailway
for details & special events.